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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further searching by the Examiner.

Claims 23, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 49-50 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 23, 29, 32 and 49 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. **Claims 1-2, 4-13, 24-28, 31, 34-48 and 51 have been canceled.**

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 24 and 49-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite.

Applicant notes that claims 24, 31-32 and 49-51 are not subject to a prior art rejection and, therefore, since the alleged informalities are sufficiently addressed herein, claims 24, 31-32 and 49-51 are allowable.

In addition, Applicant notes that claims 1-2, 4-13, 24-28, 31, 34-48 and 51 have been canceled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

I. THE 35 USC 112, FIRST AND SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

Claims 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

However, Applicant would point out that the specification states:

FIG. 44 is an explanatory view illustrating an example of effecting the continuous enlargement operation by dragging plural articles. In this example of continuously enlarging plural articles, the article information enlarging operation detecting step A51 further comprises an article information continuous enlarging operation detecting substep of outputting an article information continuous enlarging operation detecting signal in the case where two or more articles of information is contained in a locus of dragging, when a dragging is made on the operation unit. And the article information enlarging display step

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A52 may comprise a continuous enlarging display substep of displaying in enlargement the article information individually in time series at every predetermined time interval in the order of the dragging, in the case where the article information continuous enlarging operation detecting signal is output. The continuous enlarging display step may comprise a substep of displaying in enlargement the two or more articles of information in time series continuously at a time interval in accordance with a rate of the dragging, for example.

As shown in FIG. 44, the page information (fourth page) having articles of information 82A, 82B, 82C, 82D is displayed as the current page. At this time, when a dragging is made along an arrow indicated by reference numeral 82F, this operation is judged as the article information continuous enlarging operation. In this case, the continuous enlarging display step involves first displaying the article information as indicated by reference numeral 82A, and after the elapse of a certain access time, or upon an article information reduction instruction (e.g., a click on the enlarged article information of the touch panel), displaying the next article information 82B and then the article information 82C. By enabling this article information continuous enlarging operation, the article information can be steadily perused consecutively after the operation. Therefore, the operability can be enhanced without making the interface complex.

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A drag to turn the page and a drag to effect the continuous enlargement of the article can be discriminated in accordance with the locus of dragging. FIG. 51 is an explanatory view illustrating one example of a process for selecting one of the page turning and the continuous display of article information in a locus of dragging. In the example as shown in FIG. 51, an event driven display control portion comprises a page selection function for each locus direction for selecting a page having a smaller page number or a larger page number than that of a page being displayed at present on the basis of the locus of pointer from the pointer down to up. Also, the event driven display control portion may have an article continuous display function of continuously displaying in enlargement the article information overlapped on a path of the locus on the basis of the path of the locus. (Application at [0225]-[0226]; [0246]) (emphasis added).

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Thus, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, Figure 44 does not necessarily indicate that a single object 82A is being dragged. Therefore, these claims are clearly enabled and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

Claims 24 and 49-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant notes that claims 24 and 49 have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, these claims are clear and not indefinite, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

II. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

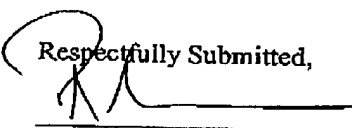
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-2, 4-13 and 23-51, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Anil N. Kumar, Group Art Unit # 2174 at fax number (571) 273-8300 this 31st day of July, 2008.



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